

Ad Hoc Committee to Address Homelessness
Minutes of
Tuesday, March 2, 2021

The Ad Hoc Committee to Address Homelessness of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met for a meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Notice and Agenda of the meeting were posted at the Norman Municipal Building and at www.Normanok.gov twenty-four hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Item no. 1 being: Committee Introductions

Members Present: Rayna Cumbie
Eryn Tribble
Michelle Evans
Cary Bryant
Lee Hall
Lisa Krieg

Members Absent: Alison Petrone

Staff Present: Tara Reynolds
Anthony Purinton
Jeanne Snider

Guests Present: Bill Scanlon

Item No. 2 being: Review of Summary Minutes from 01-19-2020 Meeting

No changes.

Item No. 3 being: Update on Strategic Homeless Plan RFP

- The City continues to meet with Homebase on a biweekly basis.

Item No. 4 being: Report on CoC Response to Winter Weather Event

- The CoC began preparation for the winter weather event beforehand. Coordination between Salvation Army and Food and Shelter as day shelters was coupled with the City of Norman Shelter to insure that a warm space was available 24/7 for persons who were homeless. Operating hours were extended by each entity to fill the timing gaps. Food & Shelter later made the decision to open for shelter at night, and transportation was provided between Salvation Army, Food & Shelter and the Warming Shelter. Salvation Army was open overnight, and let people stay longer than limits allow. The Warming Shelter extended their open time from 7pm-7am. Thunderbird Clubhouse provided meals and transportation. The Cleveland County Detention Center provided transportation to the Warming Shelter for anyone discharged with no destination.
- On February 19 the Salvation Army suffered busted water pipes. Those in shelter were offered transportation to the Warming Shelter, and evening meals continued to be served at the Salvation Army location. Salvation Army resumed normal activities February 24.
- Thunderbird Clubhouse and Food & Shelter distributed hotel/motel vouchers. Food & Shelter is still completing their required documentation from this event.
- Lt. Bryant proposes the CoC has a seat at the Police Department's Incident Command to give voice to the homelessness population.

Item No. 5 being: Update on Winter Warming Shelter

- During the winter weather the highest number of sheltered was 22 individuals on February 19. Since the weather there has been an increase in nightly guests compared to prior to the weather event, with numbers between 14-18 nightly.
- There has been 134 unduplicated individuals in the Warming Shelter since opening.

Item No. 6 being: Encampments

- The encampments were mostly abandoned during the winter weather but have since been repopulated. There are no known fatalities due to the weather in the homeless population.

Item No. 7 being: New Business

None

Item No. 8 being: Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11:08 a.m.